

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No 10/649,610

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 6

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 7 are rejected. Claims 2-6 are objected to but would be allowable if placed into independent form.

Specification

The specification is objected to because a reference is made at page 9, line 3 to Fig. 2a, whereas there is no Fig. 2a. The Examiner assumes correctly that a reference to Fig. 2 was intended. Applicant has changed the specification at pages 8-9. In addition, another clarification has been made at page 23. No new matter is added.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because, in the Examiner's opinion, the specification at page 23, lines 16-21 suggests a further processing step in Fig. 6, but Fig. 6 has only a non-English legend at its end step. A new Revised Figure with the appropriate changes made is being submitted.

Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims [3,6] of USP 6,709,393 and claims and [4,6] of USP 6,881,189, respectively. This rejection should be traversed for at least the following reasons.

Applicants note that this rejection may be overcome by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer in this case.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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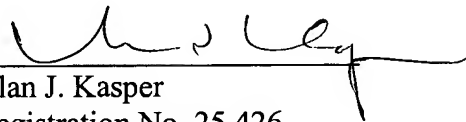
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